Joint venture for Deep sea Fishing

@2373. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a joint venture for deep sea fishing proposal to be taken up with erstwhile Soviet Union is not likely to materialise;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the new independent Republics; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Joint venture proposals in deep sea fishing received from Indian entrepreneurs for collaboration with companies from erstwhile Soviet Union are under consideration.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Jobs generated by Pepsi

2374. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of jobs Pepsi had offered to provide when it sought entry in the consumer goods sector in the country;

(b) the number of jobs so far provided by the company; and

(c) the reasons for the less number of jobs provided by the company?

@Previously Unstarred Question 1407, transferred from 6th March, 1992.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Original proposal of M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corpn. joint venture with M/s. Pepsico Inc., USA and Voltas indicated direct and indirect employment generation of over 20,000 in the first five years via expansion of processed food and beverage markets Punjab Government, however, had intimated likely employment creation to be of the order of 50,000 nationally including 15,000 in the farm sector. The project has reportedly generated direct and indirect employment of over 25,000 excluding the seasonal employments at the farm level. Creation of more employment opportunity will depend upon the progress of the project.

Representation received from Rashtriya Adhyaksha, Khadi Gramodyog, Sewa Karmi Association

2375. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation dated 26th November, 1991 from "Rashtriya Adhyaksha, Khadi Gramodyog, Sewa Karmi Association;"

(b) if so, the demands made therein and action taken thereon;

(c) whether alongwith the representation Government have received a communication regarding audited accounts of Regional Gandhi Ashram, Rahul Nagar, Azamgarh (U.P.); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main demands made in that representation are as follows:—

1. Immediate implementation of the recommendations of Sodhia Committee.

2. Reinstate the dismissed employees of some Gandhi Ashrams.

3. Investigate into the affairs of the dyeing department of Gandhi Ashram, Azamgarh, U.P

4. Investigate into the personal properties of the members of the management committee of different khadi institutions.

5. Unification of Mau and Atarolia units.

These khadi institutions are independent and Government does not have any administrative control over them. However, keeping in view the interest and welfare of a large number of employees engaged in these institutions, Government had constituted a High Power Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri K. C. Sodhia to look into the grievances and suggest suitable measures. The committee has submitted its report and its recommendations are under consideration.

(c) and (d) Along with the above representation, a copy of the letter supposedly written by Shri Bichitra Bhai of Shri Gandhi Ashram addressed to Regional Gandhi Ashram, Azamgarh, U.P., was enclosed. The letter mentions above some irregularities being pointed out by the Audit in purchases by the dyeing department of Gandhi Ashram, Azamgarh, U.P.

Government have referred this representation along with the enclosed copy of the above mentioned letter to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission for appropriate action at their end.

Committee on Small Scale Industries

2376. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a Committee to look into the financial needs and problems facing the small scale industries in the country; and

(b) if so, the terms of reference in respect thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) A committee to review the arrangements for meeting the working capital requirements of small scale industries and for the rehabilitation of sick small scale industries and the examine any other issues relating to small scale industries has been appointed vide RBI memorandum dated 9-12-91. The committee is expected to submit the report by 30.6.1992.

(b) The terms of reference of the aforesaid Committee are as follows:—

(i) To examine the adequacy of the institutional credit for working capital to the SSI Sector, particularly, with reference to the increase in the cost of raw materials and locking up of the available resources due to the delay in the realisation of sale proceeds from large companies and Government agencies.

(ii) To examine the need for making any modifications/relaxations in the norms of Tandon/Chore Committee in respect of SSI units.

(iii) To examine whether any revision is required in the present RBI guidelines for rehabilitation of sick SSI units.

(iv) In the light of the above, to suggest: